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JOHN HARVARD

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## P R E F A C E .

THE Committee on English Research of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, under whose direction Mr. Waters is now pursuing his investigations in England, have on more than one occasion asserted that the method of search adopted by him—so different from that of his predecessors—would without fail enable him to bring to light what had escaped the notice of all other antiquaries. Striking proofs of the correctness of this statement have been already afforded by the remarkable discoveries Mr. Waters has hitherto made, and the following paper, in which the parentage and ancestry of John Harvard are for the first time conclusively shown, will add still another.

In 1842, the late James Savage, President of the Massachusetts Historical Society and author of the "Genealogical Dictionary of New England," went to England for the express purpose of ascertaining what could be learned of the early history of John Harvard; but although Mr. Everett, then our minister to the court of St. James, rendered every assistance in his power, no trace of Harvard could be found, except his signature on taking his degrees at the University of Cambridge. Mr. Savage tells us that he would gladly have given five hundred dollars to get five lines about him in any capacity, public or private. Since that date others have made efforts equally unavailing.

The late Col. Joseph L. Chester, in a letter written the year before his death to the Editor of the REGISTER (REGISTER, xxxvi. 319), says that he had carried about with him daily for many years a bit of pedigree of Harvard in the hope of being able to perfect it; that he thought he had found the will of the father of John Harvard, but could not yet prove it; that he disliked to put forward a mere theory, but hoped to come upon further evidence some day.

At a meeting of the New England Historic Genealogical Society held in Boston June 3, 1885, a paper by Miss Frances B. James of Cambridge, Mass., was read, on "John Harvard's English Home, a Caveat in Behalf of Devonshire." It contained the results of some researches made by her in the summer of 1883, in Plymtree, co. Devon, England, where there formerly lived a family of Harvard or Harvard, but no claim was made by her that any relationship could be shown to exist between this family and that of John Harvard.

Mr. William Rendle, in an article in the "Genealogist" for April, 1884, on "Harvard University, U.S., and the Harvards of Southwark," gives a list of certain Harvards of the Parish of St. Saviours noted by him, but he failed to find the baptism of John Harvard, and was unable to connect him with this family of Harvards. In the South London Press for April 11, 1885, and in the Athenæum for April 18, 1885, Mr. Rendle has something further to say about the Harvards. He gives the date of baptism of a John Harvy; whom he says he believes to be the founder of Harvard College, but is unable to prove the fact, and offers no evidence to support it. These articles, however, contain nothing new. Everything of importance in them had been previously made known to us by Mr. Waters. The record of this very baptism had been already found by him, and a copy of it sent to the Committee. Mr. Rendle's knowledge of it seems to have been obtained from a person to whom Mr. Waters had mentioned it as a discovery of his own, and its appropriation by Mr. Rendle without acknowledgment and its publication in this manner was certainly a most extraordinary proceeding.

It had long been known that there was a family of Harvards in St. Saviours Parish, Southwark; that John, son of Richard, was baptized there 11 Dec., 1606; another John, son of Robert, baptized 29 Nov., 1607; another John, son of John, baptized 2 Feb., 1611; and still another John, son of John, baptized 10 April, 1614: but whether the benefactor of the College was one of these, or whether he was of Southwark at all, has not been known, until now at last the proof is presented to us by Mr. Waters. Col. Chester, as we have seen, years ago surmised that he was the son of Robert Harvard, but, like a true genealogist, waited for evidence before making a positive statement. Probably nearly every one in America who was interested in Harvard and had given the subject much thought, suspected,

at least, if not believed, that he was the son of Robert Harvard of Southwark. So that Mr. Rendle offers nothing new and merely adds his belief to theirs, for which he fails to offer evidence. That Southwark was a field for persecution and therefore its people must have been ready to emigrate to New England, carries no weight, for there was persecution in other parts of England; and it would be difficult for Mr. Rendle or any other investigator to show that more people came to New England for religion's sake from the county of Surrey than from the counties of Somerset, Dorset or Wilts, in all of which Harvards were to be found. Could he say that John Harvard was not from either of these counties, or from St. Katherine's near the Tower in co. Middlesex where a family of Harvards lived, or that he was not the son of Robert Harvey, alias Harverde of Rugby in Warwickshire?

Mr. Waters, however, is the first to show conclusively that John Harvard, from whom the College takes its name, was one of the sons of Robert Harvard of the Parish of St. Saviours, Southwark, London, and Katherine (Rogers) Harvard his wife, and that he was baptized in that Parish Nov. 29, 1607. Ample proof of this is afforded by the documentary evidence now for the first time published, to which the attention of the reader is directed. The parentage of John Harvard is no longer a mystery. Mr. Waters gives us here, among others, the wills of his father and mother, his brother Thomas Harvard, his uncle Thomas Harvard, his aunt by marriage Margaret Harvard, his step-fathers John Elletson and Richard Yearwood, and his father-in-law John Sadler.

But although so much has been accomplished that a few months ago would have been thought impossible, much remains to be done. There are other fields of research as yet unexplored, which will richly repay all the expenditure of time and labor which a thorough investigation of them will require.

The expense of the search thus far has been met by voluntary contributions of the Alumni, particularly the Harvard Club of New York.

JOHN T. HASSAM.



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## WILLS.

MEMORANDUM That the tenth daye of July 1611 John Harvard of the pishce of S<sup>t</sup> Sauior in Southwarke w<sup>th</sup>in the County of Surrey Butcher beinge then sicke and very weake in body but of good memory, beinge moved to dispose of his temporall estate uttered theise or the like wordes in effect (in the presence of us whose names be subscribed) viz<sup>t</sup>, I give unto Francis Rodgers tenn poundes — And all the rest of my goodes and estate I giue unto my broth<sup>r</sup> Thomas Harvard, and I make my said brother Tho: Harvard my sole Executor, And to witnes the same we haue hereunto sett our handes Tho: Harvard his m<sup>r</sup>ke Ric<sup>d</sup> Yearwood Robert Harvard his m<sup>r</sup>ke.

The above will was proved 21 July 1611 by Thomas Harvard brother and executor &c.

158, Berry

(Archdeaconry of Surrey).

Marche the 27. Anno 1622.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. I Thomas Harvard of the precinct of S<sup>t</sup> Katherins neere the tower of London beinge sicke in bodie but of perfect memory thankes be to God doe ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. ffirst I doe bequeath my Soule into the handes of almightie god that gave it me, and to his sonne Jesus Christ that Redeemed me by whose death and merritts I doe trust onelie to be saved and my Sole receyved into eternall ioye. for my bodie to be committed to the Earthe from whence it came and to be buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereundernamed And for the rest of the porcion of goodes which the lorde hath lent me duringe my life my will is my welbeloved wife shall fullie and whollie enioy it whatsoeuer and to give unto my children that the lorde hath sent me whatsoever it pleaseth her into whose handes after my decease I comitt all that my estate and porcion ether in England or elsewhere beyonde the Seas and this I ordaine as my last will and testament and disanull all former whatsoeuer making my deerly beloved wife Margaret Harvarde my sole executrix. In witnes whereof I have hereunto put my hande. The marke of Thomas Harvard.

Subscribed and deliuered by Thomas Harvard in the presentes of us hereunder named Edmond Swettenham the marke of Ann Blaton.

PROBATUM FUIT TESTAMENTUM suprascriptum apud London coram venerabili viro mag<sup>ro</sup> Richardo Clarke legum doctore Surrogato venerabilis viri domini Willimi Bird militis legum etiam doctoris Curie Prerogative Cantuariens<sup>is</sup> mag<sup>ri</sup> Custodis siue Commissarii l<sup>ti</sup>me constituti. Vicesimo tertio die mens<sup>is</sup> Augusti Anno Dñi Millesimo sexcentesimo vicesimo secundo. Juramento Margarete Harvard relicte et executricis dicti defuncti in eodem testamento nominat. Cui Commissa fuit Administracio bonorum iurium et creditorum dicti defunct de bene et fideliter administrañd &c. Ad sancta Dei Evangelia Jurat.

78, Saville.

July the xxvi<sup>th</sup>: 1625

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of Margaret Harwar\* of S<sup>t</sup> Katherines widdowe sicke and weake in bodie but in perfecte memorie thanks be gee geven to god in this manner and forme followeing; first I bequeathe my soule into the hands of Allmighty god that gave it me, and to Jesus Christ my saviour that redeemed me hopinge and trustinge only to be saved by his merrits death and passion and my bodie I committ to the earth from whence it came and to be buried att the discretion of my executors hereunder named And my worldly goodes I bequeathe in this manner and forme followeing; first my will and desire is that the howse I now dwell in, commonly called by the name of the Christopher scittuate and beinge in S<sup>t</sup> Katherins neere the Tower of London be sould to the best advantage, And to him or her that will give most money for it, And beinge sould the money to be devided in this manner followeing, The money to be devided between my three daughters Margaret Harward Alse Harward, and Jone Harward, And if any of my said daughters doe chance to dye before their legacies come to their hands or growe due, my will is that their parte or parts shall come to the survivors of those three; Item my will is and I bequeathe unto John Walbank my sonne the some of Twenty Pounds of Currant English money if he be livinge And if it please god that he be dead then my will is that this Sonne Thomas Walbancke my Grandchilde shall have it paid him when he comes to lawfull Age. It. my will is and bequeath unto my daughter Susan Walbanck the some of ffive Pounds to be paid unto her when my said howse is sould It. my will and desire is that those worldly goodes that god hath blessed me withall shall be equally devided betwixt my said three daughters Jone, Margaret Harward and Alse Harward parte and parte alike; every one there share; And if any of them happen to dye before their part come to their hands my will is it shall come to the survivor or survivo<sup>rs</sup>. It. my will is and I doe give unto Thomas Wallbanck my grandchild the some of Tenn Pounds to be paid unto him out of my two daughters por<sup>ti</sup>ons Jane and Alse. It. I give and bequeathe unto Thomas Harward the sonne of Thomas Harward my late husband the some of Tenn Shillins. It. my will is and I bequeathe unto my frend Edmond Swettenham of East Smithfeild the some of ffourty shillinges to make him one gould ringe withall to weare for my sake; And I doe ordaine my daughter Margaret Harward my sole executrix of this my last will and testamente; And I doe appointe and desire my two lovinge frends Robert Evebancke and Edmond Swettenham my two overseers of this my will and I doe give unto Robert Evebanck for his paines twenty shillings;

*The marke of Margaret Harward.*

\* This name in the original will appears invariably as Harvard.—H. F. W.

Witnes Edmond Swettenham Rob't Ewbancke The marke of Marie  
psons.

PROBATUM fuit Testamentum suprascriptum apud London corā Magistro Thoma Langley Clīco Surrogato venerabilis viri domini Henrici Marten Millitis legum doctoris Curie Prerogative Contuariensis Magistri Custodis sive Commissarii legitime constituti Nono die mensis Septembris Anno Dñi Millesimo sexcentesimo vicesimo quinto, Juramento Thome Goul-dan Notarii Publici Procañis Margarete Harvard filie et executricis in huñoi Testō nominat Cui Commissa fuit Administraçō bonorum iusium et creditorum dñi defunct de bene et fidelit Administrañd eadem Ad sancta Dei Evangelia Jurat. 91, Clarke.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. The eight and Twentyth daie of July Anno Dñi one Thousand sixe hundred Twentie five, & in the first yere of the Raigne of our Sovereigne lord Charles by the grace of God Kinge of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland defender of the faith &c. I Robert Harvard of y<sup>e</sup> pish of S<sup>t</sup> Saviours in Southwarke in the Countie of Surrey Butcher, being not well in body but sound in minde in memory (laud and praise bee to allmightie god therefore) doe make and ordayne this my present last will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to saie, first and principally I bequeath and commend my soule unto the hands of allmighty God trusting through his mercie and for the meritts of his deere Sonne my lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to haue forgivnes of all my Sinnes, and after this life ended to bee made ptaker of life eu'lastinge in the kingdome of heaven And I will that my body bee decently and Christianly buried in the pish Church of S<sup>t</sup> Saviours aforesaid, after the discretion of my executrix hereundernamed, And as touching that Temporall estate of goods and Chattles wherew<sup>th</sup> it hath pleased god of his goodnes to blesse, my minde and will is as followeth vīzt, Inprimis I give and bequeath unto the poore of the pish of S<sup>t</sup> Saviour aforesaid forty shillings and to bee payd and distributed according to the discreçōn of my said Executrix & Overseers hereunder mençōned Item I give and bequeath unto John Harvard my Sonne Two hundred pounds To bee payd unto him when he shalbee accomplish his age of one and Twentie yeres Item I give & bequeath unto Thomas Harvard my Sonne the like soñe of two hundred pounds to be payd likewise unto him when he shall accomplish his age of one and Twenty yeres Item I give and bequeath unto Peter Harvard my Sonne the like soñe of Two hundred pounds to bee payd likewise unto him when he shall accomplish his age of one and Twenty yeres And if any of them my said three sonnes depart this life before his said pte and porçōn shall growe due to bee payd by this my will, Then I give y<sup>e</sup> pte or porçōn of him deceaseinge to the residue of them Surviving equallie to bee devided betwixt them, or wholly to the Survivor yf two of them decease And if it shall happen all my said three Children to decease before they shall accomplish their severall ages of twenty and one yeres as aforesaid Then and in such case I give and bequeath unto my Cosin Thomas Harvard and his Children fifty pound to bee payd within three moneths next after the decease of the last Child Item I give and bequeath unto Robert Harvard my godson sone of my said cosin Thomas Harvard Ten pounds to be payd unto him when he shall accomplish his age of one and Twenty yeres All the rest and residue of my goods and Chattles whatsoever my debts (if any be) beinge first payd and my funerall expences discharged I give and bequeath unto Katherin Harvard my welbeloved wife whom I constitute ordayne



and make full and sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament And it is my will that shee shall haue the use of my said Childrens porçons for theire educaçon and bringing up untill the same shall growe due to them as aforesaid And I make and ordayne my good neighbour and friend M<sup>r</sup> Richard Yearwood Citizen & Grocer of London and the said Thomas Harvard my Cosin Overseers of this my last will and Testament desiring them as much as in them shall consist and lie to see the same pformed according to my true intent and meaneing herein declared And I give unto them for theire paynes to bee taken in seeing this my will performed Twenty shillings a peece to make them rings for a remembrance Provided alwaies & I will and ordayne hereby that my saide wife shall w<sup>th</sup> sufficient Suerties w<sup>thin</sup> three moneths next after my decease or at least before shee shalbe espoused or married agayne to any other, enter and become bound in the soñe of one Thousand pounds unto my said Two Overseers, if they shalbe both living or to the Survivor of them if either of them shallbee deceased, w<sup>th</sup> condiçon to pay the pts and porçons of my said Children w<sup>ch</sup> I haue before bequeathed unto them, accordinge to my true intent and meaning herein declared, and at such tyme or times as before is limyted and set downe for the payment thereof, In witnes whereof I the said Robert Harvard haue to this my p<sup>s</sup>ent last will and Testament put my hand and Seale the daie and yere first aboue written, The marke of the said Robert Harvard Sealed acknowledged and delivered by the said Robert Harvard for and as his last will and Testament the daie and yere first aboue written in the presence of Ric: Sandon Scr The m<sup>r</sup>ke of Richard Rayner.

PROBATUM FUIT Testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram magistro Thoma Langley Cl<sup>ico</sup> Surrogato venerabilis viri Domini Henrici Marten militis legum doctoris Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis magistri Custodis sive Co<sup>m</sup>missarii l<sup>it</sup>imie constituti Sexto die mensis Octobris Anno D<sup>ni</sup> millesimo sexcentesimo vicesimo quinto Juramento Katherinæ Harvard Relicte dicti defuncti et executricis in huiusmodi Testamento nominat Cui Commissa fuit administrat &c. de bene et fideliter administrando eadem, ad sancta dei Evangelia Jurat.

111, Clarke.

JOHN ELLETSON citizen and cooper of London 15 June, 1626, proved the last day of June, 1626. To M<sup>r</sup> William Quelch, clerk, sometimes minister of S<sup>t</sup> Olaves in Southwarke, forty shillings, & to M<sup>r</sup> Archer, minister of S<sup>t</sup> Saviours in Southwarke, twenty shillings, within six months after my decease if they be then living. To my sister's son Stephen Hall, Bachilor of Divinity at Cambridge twenty pounds, to be paid him within six months next after my decease. To my sister Elizabeth Rigate full power and authority to dispose of the house wherein she now dwelleth for the term of two years next after her decease conditionally that a pepper corn be paid yearly therefore to my executrix. The residue of the term of years unexpired of the said house I will and bequeath unto my nephew Robert Elletson, son of my late deceased brother Robert Elletson, his executors and assigns. To my aforesaid nephew Robert all those my two messuages or dwelling houses, &c. situate & being in the liberties of East Smithfield in the parish of S<sup>t</sup> Buttolph's Algate, to him and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten, and, for want of such issue, to his brother William Elletson & to the heirs of his body, &c., and, for lack of such issue, to George Elletson his brother and to his heirs forever, which houses I bought and purchased of M<sup>r</sup> Norton, gentleman. And my will and mind is that my loving wife Katherine Elletsonne shall have her thirds out of the same



during the term of her natural life. Item I give and bequeath unto my said loving wife Catherine Elletson and her assigns during her natural life the yearly sum of twelve pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto her quarterly and to be issuing and going out of all and singular my lands teneements and hereditaments whatsoever lying and being in the several parishes of Alverstoke and Rowner in the County of Southampton. To my sister in law, Mary Elletson, and her two daughters, Elizabeth Elletson and Margaret Elletson, and their assigns, during the natural life of my said loving wife Catherine Elletson, the like yearly sum of twelve pounds, &c. To my nephew George Elletson, son of my said brother Robert, all that my messuage, barns, lands & commons, &c. called or known by the name of He meleys, situate in the parish of Alverstoke (with remainder first to William, then to Robert, brothers of the said George), which aforesaid premises I bought and purchased of Thomas Rabenett, mariner. To nephew Robert my messuage, &c. situate in Brockhurst in the parish of Alverstoke and Rowner, &c. (with remainder to his brothers William and George, &c.) which premises I bought of Robert Nokes of Brockhurst, yeoman. To nephew William my messuage, &c. in Newton in the parish of Alverstoke, &c. (with remainder to Robert and George), which premises I bought of my brother Robert Elletson. To Thomas Elletson, son of Anthony Elletson, born at Lymehouse in the parish of Stepney, the sum of ten pounds, to be paid him at the age of one and twenty years if he shall be then living. To Robert Wilson in Southwark all such sum or sums of money which he oweth me upon one certain obligation conditionally that he give unto M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Foster Bailiff of the Borough of Southwark, as a legacy and bequest from me the sum of three pounds, &c. within three months next after my decease, and three pounds more to the poor of the parish of S<sup>t</sup> Olaves, where he is a parishioner, &c. &c. To my kinswoman Jane Merricke one quarter or fourth part of the good Bark called the Jane of Gosport, with the fourth part of the tackle, munition and apparell, which said Bark is in partnership between her husband Walter Merricke and myself. And I give and bequeath to my sister Mary Elletson and her two daughters the other quarter or fourth part of the same Bark. To my sister Elizabeth Bygate, widow, twenty pounds yearly & every year during her natural life, to be paid her by five pounds the quarter, or within one and twenty days after the quarter day, out of the tenements which I lately purchased by lease of the wife of James Turner, holden by the masters, brethren and sisters of S<sup>t</sup> Catherine's and which is situate and being in the parish of All Saints Barkin near unto Tower Hill. To my eldest brother George Elletson, dwelling in the County of Lancaster, five shillings, conditionally that he shall give to my executrix a general acquittance of all demands whatsoever from the beginning of the world until the day of the receipt of the same legacy. To my brother William Elletson, dwelling in the said County of Lancaster, ten shillings (on the same condition). To my sister Agnes Stables, the sum of twenty shillings, to be paid her upon lawful demand. To my sister Ellen Towers, dwelling in the County of Lancaster, the sum of twenty shillings (upon lawful demand). I absolutely release and discharge Richard Edwards, dwelling at White Waltham in the County of Berks, of all sum or sums of money which he oweth me, and particularly of one specialty of thirty pounds which I freely forgive him.

Item I give unto my son in law Joseph Knapp and unto Agnes his wife, my kinswoman, all that my house, together with my buildings, yards and

appurtenances thereunto belonging, and to his son John Knap after his decease, during the term of a lease which I took of M<sup>r</sup> John James, gentleman, paying the rents, &c. ; also the goods, household stuff &c in and about the said house, which is in their possession and which I left freely to them at my coming away from Mill Lane. To my said son Joseph Knapp all that my third part and bargains of boards whatsoever remaining in the County of Sussex which is in partnership between M<sup>r</sup> Anthony Keeme, M<sup>r</sup> Richard Waker and myself, citizens and coopers of London. To the said Joseph my best livery gown and my second cloak. Item I give and bequeath two silver cups, gilded, with my name to be ingraven upon them, to the value of twenty pounds, which shall be bought by my executrix and given to the company of coopers of the city of London within six months next after my decease. To twenty poor people which is in the Almshouse at Ratcliffe twenty shillings to be equally divided amongst them. To M<sup>rs</sup> Suttey, my mistress, dwelling at Ratcliffe, over and above the part of the said gift of twenty shillings, the sum of ten shillings.

Item whereas Hugh Horsell of Southwarke, Innkeeper deceased, by his last will and testament did give and bequeath unto his children the sum of six hundred pounds as by his said will appeareth, of the which I have already paid the sum of one hundred pounds to Mary one of the children of the said Hugh Horsell for her legacy, as also the sum of twenty pounds which I gave with Nicholas Horsell, one of the said children, to bind him an apprentice, so that there is remaining now of the said six hundred pounds the sum of four hundred and eighty pounds to be paid unto them as in their said father's will more at large and plainly appeareth. Therefore my desire and meaning is and it is expressly my will that my executrix hereafter named shall truly pay and satisfy unto the children of the said Hugh Horsell or to the survivors of them the said sum of four hundred and eighty pounds in every point according to their father's will and to see them well educated and brought up in all things necessary in the fear of God and in learning. And I do further will that my executrix shall within one month next after my decease enter into obligation of one thousand pounds to my overseers hereafter named in every kind to see these legacies performed and the said children well brought up and educated. To the poor of the parish of Alverstocke and Gosport the sum of twenty shillings. To the poor of the parish of All Saints Barking in Tower Street, twenty shillings. To George Browne my kinsman twenty shillings to be paid upon lawful demand. I absolutely acquit and discharge Richard Graye, waterman, a bill of debt of three pounds which he oweth me. I absolutely acquit and discharge Nicholas Parsons, ostler at the Queen's Head in Southwark, of a debt of twenty and eight shillings which he oweth me. To my kinsman William Hughes and Agnes his wife one hundred pounds &c.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said loving wife Catherine Elletson the lease of all and singular the premises which I hold of the Master, brethren and sisters of S<sup>t</sup> Katherines, together with all the rents and profits that shall arise by reason of the same ; to have and to hold the same lease and the rents and profits thereof unto my said loving wife, Katherine Elletson, for and during the term of her natural life, she paying the rents and performing the covenants contained in the same lease on my part to be performed, the remainder of the years that shall be to come from and after the death and decease of my said wife ; and the rents and profits that shall arise by reason of the same I give and bequeath unto my said kinsman Robert Elletson, son of my said brother Robert Elletson, and the issue of his body

lawfully begotten. And if it shall fortune my said kinsman to die and depart this life before the expiration of the term of years in the said lease granted having no issue of his body lawfully begotten then living that then I give and bequeath the said lease and the benefit and profits thereof arising unto his brother William Elletson, his executors and assigns. The rest and residue of all and singular my goods and chattels whatsoever moveable and immoveable not before by me given and bequeathed, my debts and legacies being paid and my funeral expenses discharged I wholly and absolutely give and bequeath unto my said loving wife Catherine Elletson whom I make and ordain the sole and only executrix of this my present last will and testament, desiring her to see the same in all things performed according to my mind and meaning herein plainly declared, and I do hereby nominate and appoint my loving friends M<sup>r</sup> Anthony Kemme, M<sup>r</sup> George Preston and M<sup>r</sup> Richard Waker, citizens and coopers of London, overseers thereof, desiring them according to my trust in them reposed to be aiding and assisting to my said executrix in the due "exequition" of this my present last will and testament; and I give unto each of them for their pains taking therein the sum of three pounds apiece &c. Provided always that if my said wife shall not be contented to accept of the said legacies before given unto her and to pay and perform the legacies herein by me bequeathed according to the true intent and meaning of this my present last will and testament then my will is that she shall have only so much of my estate and no more as shall justly belong unto her by the custom of the city of London and then I make and ordain my said kinsmen William Hewes & Robert Elletsonne, son of my said brother Robert Elletson, executors &c.

Wit: William Manbey Scr. Edward Thomas William Hedges.

91, Hele.

RICHARD YEARWOOD of Southwarke in the County of Surrey and citizen and grocer of London, 8 September 1632, proved 6 October 1632, and confirmed by Decree of the Court in the last session of Trinity Term 1633, After my funerals done and discharged I will that an Inventory shall be taken of all my estate in goods, chattells, wares, merchandizes plate and other things whatsoever and be indifferently valued and appraised, and that therewithall the debts which I do owe shall be first duly satisfied and paid. But because the debts which my wasteful son hath brought me unto are so great that I fear much that my personal estate will not be sufficient to satisfy the same or at the least will not be collected and got in convenient time to give that satisfaction which is fit and just much less to pay and satisfy such other legacies as by this my will I have appointed and given I do therefore will, ordain and appoint that my executors hereafter named or the survivor of them with as much convenient speed as they can after my decease for the speedier payment of my debts and discharging of my legacies shall sell and dispose all those my tenements and hereditaments situate lying & being in the parish of S<sup>t</sup> Mary Magdalen of Bermondsey within the County of Surrey, near the church there, which I purchased of Walter Oliver, being three tenements or houses &c in the several occupations of Thomas Miller Robert Fisher and John Bould their or some of their assignee or assignees. And my will is as well the leases which I bought of the same and which are in being in friends' names as also the inheritance of the said houses, be sold for the uses aforesaid by mine executors or the survivor of them and by such other persons and friends who have any interest or estates in the same for my use or benefit. They shall

sell &c. all that my tenement &c. in the tenure or occupation of John Blacke, in the parish of Lingfield within the County of Surrey which I bought of Edmond Rofey, and my tenement &c. in the parish of Frinsbury within the County of Kent, now or late in the tenure & occupation of — Jones, which I bought of Henry Price. I give and bequeath unto Richard Yearwood my son all that my manor or farm with the appurtenances &c. in the parish of Burstow within the County of Surrey, now or late in the tenure &c. of Edmond Rofey &c. to have & to hold during the term of his natural life (then follow conditions of entailment on the issue of the body of the said Richard Yearwood the son). And for default of such issue to Hannah Payne my daughter during her natural life; and after her decease to Richard Payne her second son and the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten; and for default of such issue to my right heirs forever. Item I give unto the poor of the parish of St Saviours in Southwark inhabiting within the liberty of the Borough of Southwark whereof I am a parishioner the sum of ten pounds &c. I give unto M<sup>r</sup> Morton and M<sup>r</sup> Archer ministers of the said parish forty shillings apiece. I give to William Brayne apprentice with Nicholas King grocer twenty pounds &c. to be paid unto him at the expiration of his time of apprenticeship. I give unto Margaret Dallin wife of Christopher Dallin cooper the sum of ten pounds &c. to be paid unto her in five years by forty shillings a year. To Hannah Groue daughter of Richard Groue of Middle Wiche in the County of Chester ten pounds at day of marriage or age of twenty and one years.

Item I give to Katherine my well beloved wife her dwelling in all that part of my dwelling house wherein I do now live during so long time as she shall continue a widow and dwell in the same herself if my lease thereof shall so long continue, my said wife paying therefore yearly to my executors hereafter named the sum of five pounds per annum by half yearly payments &c. And I do further give unto her all such household stuff and so much value in plate as she brought with her when I married her. And I give and bequeath unto my cousin Nicholas King grocer and Margaret his wife and the longer liver of them the lease of my now dwelling house, onely I will that my said wife do dwell and continue in such part thereof as I have before appointed during such time as aforesaid. To my loving friend and cousin M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Street grocer ten pounds. The said Nicholas King and Stephen Street to be executors.

The residue and remainder of all my personal estate and which shall remain of my lands and tenements by me appointed to be sold as aforesaid, my debts being paid and my funeral expenses and legacies discharged, I will the same shall be distributed and divided by my executors in manner following viz<sup>t</sup> two third parts thereof unto Richard Yearwood my son if he shall be then living and that my said executors shall discern him to be reformed and become a frugal man, and the other third part thereof I will shall be divided to and amongst my daughter Payne's eight children now living viz<sup>t</sup> Edward, Richard, John, George, Anne, Timothy, Susan and Katherine, and the survivors of them; the same to be paid to their father for their uses. And I appoint my loving friends M<sup>r</sup> Drew Stapley grocer and my son in law Edward Payne to be overseers of this my will. And I do give to either of them for a remembrance of my love and their pains to be taken therein the sum of five pounds apiece.

Wit: Thomas Haruard, William Frith William Sheppard John Fincher.

13 march 1661 administration de bonis non was granted to his daughter Hannah Payne, the executors being dead. 98, Audley.



IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Katherine Yarwood of the parrish of S<sup>t</sup> Saviours in the Burroughe of Southwarke in the Countie of Surrey widdowe being at this tyme weake in bodie but of perfect memory praised be God therefore doe ordayne this my last will and Testament revoakeing all former wills and Testamentes whatsoever first I bequeath my soule into the mercifull hands of my Deare Redeemer Jesus Christ the eternall sonne of God whoe by his holy Spirit as my trust and hope is will p<sup>r</sup>serve me to his heavenly kingdome; And my bodie to be interred at the discretion of my executors And for my worldly goods I thus dispose of them. Inprimis I give to my eldest sonne John Harvard Clarke all that my messeage Tenement or Inne comonly called or knowne by the name of the Queenes head in the Borroughe of Southwarke aforesaid with the appurtenances and all my deedes and writeings touching and concerning the same and all my estate right title interest terme of yeares and demand whatsoever which I have of and unto the same and of and unto everie part and parcell thereof. Item I give unto the said John Hervard and unto Thomas Hervard my sonne equally to be divided betweene them all my messuages Tenements and hereditaments whatsoever w<sup>th</sup> their and every of their appurtenances scituate and being in the parrish of All Saintes Barkeing nere unto the Tower of London whereof I am possessed under two severall leases made by the Master brethren and Sisters of the Hospitall of S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's nere the Tower of London unto John Elletson deceased; and all my deedes and writeings touching and concerning the same. And all my severall and respectue estates right title interest terme of yeares and demaund which I have of and unto the same, and of and unto every part and parcell thereof. Nevertheless my will and meaneing is and soe I doe hereby appoint and declare that the said John Harvard and Thomas Harvard their executors Administrators and Assignes shall yearly and every yeare durieng the continuance of the severall tymes in the said severall leases graunted, paye or cause to be payed out of the rentes issues and profits of the said last mençoed premisses at the feast of the nativity of our Lord God twentie shillings to fower poor people that are reputed of honest conversation dwelling in the parrishe of S<sup>t</sup> Saviours aforesaid by five shillings apeece And that the said John Hervard and Thomas Hervard their executors Administrators and Assignes shall paye or cause to be payed the residue and remainder of the rentes issues and profittes of the said last mençoed premisses unto such of the Children of Hugh Harsall late of the Burrough of Southwarke aforesaid Inkeeper deceased as have not their porçons paid and was given and bequeathed unto them by the last wills & testam<sup>tes</sup> of the said John Elletson and Hugh Harsall or either of them untill such tyme as the said Children shall have all their said porçons paid unto them and afterwards that the said John Hervard and Thomas Hervarde their executors adm<sup>strat</sup>ors and assignes shall enjoye the residue of the said rentes issues and profits of the said last mençoed premisses to their owne proper uses and behoofes equally to be divided betweene them Item I give to my said sonne John Hervard two hundred and fiftie poundes in money And I doe appoint two hundred poundes parcell thereof to be payed w<sup>th</sup> the moneys due upon one obligaçon of the penall soñe of fower hundred poundes beareing date the first daye of this instant moneth of Julie made by my sonne Thomas Hervard unto my Overseer M<sup>r</sup> Mooreton for my use condicōed for the payment of two hundred poundes at or upon the first daye of January now next ensueing Item I give to my sonne Thomas aforesaid one hundred poundes in money Item to the Children of my Brother Thomas Rogers I give for-

tie shillings a peece. Item to the poore of this parrish of S<sup>t</sup> Saviours I give fortie shillings Item to M<sup>r</sup> Archer one of our Ministers I give twentie shillings. Item to M<sup>rs</sup> Moreton our other Ministers wife I give my best Gould wrought Coyfe which of my two best shee please to make choice of Item my Sister Rose Reason and my sister Joane Willmore to each of them I give a ring at the discretion of my executors Item to old M<sup>rs</sup> Blanchard I give my best paire of Gloves Item to my Cosen Joseph Brocket the younger I give twentie shillings; and to my Cosen Mary Brocket I give my best scarlet Petticoate or the value thereof in money at the discretion of my executors Item I make and ordayne my two sonnes John and Thomas Hervard aforesaid ioint executors of this my last will and Testament. Item for the overseers of this my last will and Testament I appoint my loveing frend M<sup>r</sup> Moreton our minister of S<sup>t</sup> Saviours aforesaid for one, and to him in token of my love I give three pounds and my paire of silver hafted knyves; And for my other Overseer I appoint my Cosen M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hervard Butcher of S<sup>t</sup> Saviours aforesaid and to him likewise in token of my love I give three pounds Item I give to my said execut<sup>rs</sup> and Overseers eight pounds by them to be bestowed on such Christian poore as they thinke fitt And I will that all my legacies formerly given and bequeathed except the two hundred pounds payable by the obligation as aforesaid shalbe paid and deliuered by my executors w<sup>th</sup>in one moneth after my decease The residue of all and singular my goods Chattells and psonall estate after my debts payed and funeralls discharged I give and bequeath unto my said sonnes John Hervard and Thomas Hervard equally to be devided betweene them In wittnes whereof I have unto every sheete being seaven in number put to my hand and have sealed the same this second daye of Julie in the eleaventh yeare of the reigne of our Souaigne Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland Kinge Defender of the faith &c. Annoq; Dñi 1635. The marke of  
Catherine Yarwood.

Memorandum that theis wordes viz<sup>t</sup> por<sup>cs</sup>ons in the seaventh lyne and John in the fourteenth lyne of the fourth sheete were interlyned and afterwards this will was read sealed and published to be the last will and Testament of the said Catherine Yarwood in the p<sup>r</sup>sence of us; Sealed and published by Katherine Yarwood aforesaid in the presence of us William Brayne Robert Greateon William Sheap.

PROBATUM fuit Testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram m<sup>ro</sup> Johanne Hansley Cli<sup>co</sup> Surrogato veñabilis viri Dñi Henrici Marten militis legum etiam D<sup>coris</sup> Curie Prerogative Cantuar mag<sup>ri</sup> Custodis siue Com<sup>ri</sup> Iti<sup>me</sup> constituti vicesimo septimo die mensis Julii Anno Dñi millesimo sexcentesimo tricesimo quinto Juramentis Johi<sup>s</sup> Hervard et Thome Hervard filiorum dc<sup>e</sup> defunctæ et executorum in huiusmodi Testamento nominatorum Quibus comissa fuit administra<sup>co</sup> om<sup>n</sup>i et singulorū bonorū iuriū et creditorū dc<sup>e</sup> def de bene et fideliter administrando ead<sup>m</sup> &c Ad sancta dei Evangelia Jurat.  
77, Sadler.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the fiefteenth daie of July Anno Domini one thousand six hundred thirtie and six And in the twelueh yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of god kinge of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland Defender of the faith &c I Thomas Harvard of the pishe of Saint Olave in Southwarke in the County of Surry and Cittizen and Clothworker of London beinge att this presente sicke

and weake in bodie but of good and pfecte mynde and memorie all laude and praise be given to Allmightie god therefore and consideringe with my selfe the frailtie and mutabilitie of this present life and the certaintie of death, And to the end that I may bee the better prepared and settled in my mynde whensoever it shall please god to call me out of this transitorie life I doe by the pmission of god make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge, That is to saie, ffirst and principally I comēd my Soule into the hands of Allmightie god hopeinge and assuredly beleevinge through the death and passion of Jesus Christe his only sonne and alone Saviour to obtaine Remission and forgiveness of all my Synns and to be made ptaker of everlastinge life My bodie I comitt to the earth from whence it came to be decently buried att the discreçon of my executors here under named, And as concerninge all such worldly goods Chattelles and psonall estate as it hath pleased god to endue me w<sup>th</sup> in this life I give and bequeath the same in manner and forme followinge, That is to saie Inprimis I give and bequeath unto my deere and welbeloved wife Elizabeth Harvard the some of fower hundred poundes of lawful English money to be paied unto her within six monethes next after my decease More I giue and bequeath to my said lovinge all my plate and howsehold stuffe exceptinge only my best standinge bowle of silver guilte and my great Cheste with two lockes Item I give and bequeath unto my said lovinge wife Elizabeth Harvard one Annuitie or yearly payment of thirty poundes of good and lawfull Englishe mony to be yearly due goeing out issuinge and payable unto my said wife out of all those messuages and Tenementes with thappurtenñces And the rentes issues and proffites of them scituate lyinge and beinge att or neere Towerhill in the parishe of All Saintes Barkinge in London which I hould ioyntly togeather with my brother John Harvard by vertue of a lease to us thereof made by the M<sup>r</sup>. brothers and sisters of the Hospitall of Saint Katherines neere the Tower of London, To have and to hould the said Annuitie or Rente charge of Thirtie poundes p Anñ unto my said loveinge wife for and duringe the tearme of her naturall life to be paied unto her att fower feastes or tearmes in the yeare, That is to saie att the feastes of Saint Michaell Tharchangell, the birth of our lord god, Thanuntiaçon of the blessed virgin Marie and the Nativitie of Saint John Baptist or within one and twentie daies nexte ensuinge everie of the same feaste daies by equall and even porçons, The first painmente thereof to beginn and to be made att the feaste of the feastes aforesaid which shall first and next happen and comē after my decease, or within one and twentie daies then nexte ensuinge with power to distreyne for the same Annuitie in and upon the said tenementes or anie of them, if the same añuities shall happen to be behinde and unpaid contrary to this my will, Provided that my ffather in lawe M<sup>r</sup>. Nicholas Kinge or his heires att any time duringe the tearme of my naturall life doe assure and conveye unto me and my heires or within six moneths after my decease to my executors hereunder named or to such pson or psons as I the said Thomas Harvard shall by anie writinge under my hand name and appointe, And theire heires and assignes, And to such use and uses as I shall thereby lymitt and declare and in such good sure and sufficiente manner and forme as by learned Councill shall be advised and required All that messuage or Tenement with thappurtenñces and the rente and Reverçon thereof scituate and beinge in or neere Shippyard in the pishe of Saint Saviours in Southwarke now or late in the tenure or occupaçon of Owen Jones or his assignes Item I give and bequeath unto such childe or Children as my wife now goeth with or is with childe of the

some of three hundred poundes of lawfull Englishe money to be paid and deliuered into the Chamber of the Cittie of London for the use of such Child and children within one yeare nexte after my decease to be employed for the use and benefitt of such childe and children untill they shall accomplishe the age of Twentie and one yeares Item I give and bequeath unto such childe and children as my wife goeth with or is with childe of all that my moitie or halfe parte of the lease of the said Tenem<sup>tes</sup>. with thappurtenēces att or neere Tower hill in the said pishe of All Saintes Barkinge holden of and from the Hospitall of Saint Katherines and the moitie of my rentes and revercōns thereof, And all my estate tearmes of yeares and demaund therein charged with the said Annuity of Thirtie poundes p Anñ by me herein before given unto my said wife, Provided allwaies and my mynde and will is that if my said wife shall not be with childe att the time of my decease, or that such childe and children shall happen to miscarry or dye or departe this life before he she or theie shall accomplishe the age or ages of twentie and one yeares then in such case or cases and not otherwise I doe giue and bequeath unto the severall persons hereunder named the seu'all legacies and somes of money hereunder mençoned, That is to saie, To my said lovinge wife one hundred poundes. to my said brother John Harvard one hundred poundes. To and amongst the children of my unckle Rogers fforty poundes To my godsonn William Harvard ffifteene poundes, To the eldest sonne of my Cossen Thomas Willmore ffower poundes to my Cossen Robert Harvard five poundes to John Brockett the sonne of Joseph Brockett ffortie shillings, And then alsoe and in such case, I doe give and bequeath unto my said brother John Harvard my said moitie or half parte of the lease of the said Tenementes with the appu'tenēces att or neere Towerhill aforesaid and the rentes and the Revercōns thereof, And all my estate tearme of yeares and demaunde therein charged with the said Annuity of Thirtie poundes p anñ by me given to my said wife, Item I doe alsoe by this my will give and bequeath unto my said brother John Harvard the sūme of one hundred poundes lawfull English mony, and my standinge bowle of silver guilt and my Chest with twoe lockes before excepted, Together with my best whole suite of appell and my best cloake, And all things belonginge thereunto, Item I give and bequeath unto M<sup>r</sup> Nichollas Morton Minister and Preacher in the pishe of Saint Saviors in Southwarke the some of fforty shillings in recompence of a Sermon which I desire he should preach at my funerall, for the better Comforte edifyinge and instrucōn of such my freinds and neighbours and other people as there shalbe assembled, Item I giue and bequeath unto James Archer Minister twentie shillings, Item I giue and bequeath unto M<sup>r</sup> Osney Minister the some of twenty shillings, Item I give and bequeath unto M<sup>r</sup> Clarke Minister the some of twenty shillings, Item I give and bequeath unto my said ffather in lawe M<sup>r</sup>. Nicholas Kinge the some of three poundes to make him a ringe, Item I giue and bequeath unto my Cossen William Harvard the some of Tenne poundes, Item I give and bequeath unto my said Cossen Robert Harvard the some of six poundes, Item I give unto the said Joseph Brockett my seale Ringe of gould, I will that there shalbe distributed by my executors on the day of my buriall the some of ffortie shillings, that is to saie to and amongst the poore people of Saint Saviours in Southwarke the some of twenty shillings and to And amongst the poore people of the pishe of Saint Olave in Southwarke the like some of twenty shillings Att the discrecōn of my Executors where moste neede shall appeare.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Mother in lawe Margarette King ffortie



shillinges and unto her twoe daughters Margaret and Hanah the like some of ffortie shillinges a peece to make them Ringes. The rest residue and Remainder of all and singular my goodes chattelles and worldly substance whatsoever not herein before given or bequeathed, I give and bequeath in forme followinge, that is to saie, Twoe full third pts thereof unto such childe and children as my said wife nowe goeth withall or is with childe of And thother twoe third ptes thereof I fully and wholly give unto my said lovinge wife Elizabeth, and my said lovinge brother John Harvard equally betweene them to be devided pte and porcion alike. And in case my said wife shall not be with childe att the time of my decease or that such child and children shall dye before theie shall accomlishe theire age or ages of twentie and one yeares Then in such case I give and bequeath the residue and remainder of my estate my debtes funerall expences, and my legacies beinge paid and pformed unto my said lovinge wife and my said brother equally betweene them to be devided pte and porcion alike, And my will and meaninge is that the legacies by me in and by this my last will given and bequeathed unto my said wife and such childe and children as she nowe goeth with or is with childe of is and are in full Recompence and satisfaccon of such parte of my estate shee they or anie of them shall or may claime or challenge by the custome of the City of London, And to the end they shall make noe clayme or challege thereby, And if they shall make such Claime or challenge by the said custome Then I will that the said legacies by me to them given shall cease and bee voide and not be paid, And I doe ordaine and make my said welbeloved brother John Harvard And the said Nichollas Morton preacher executors of this my said last will and Testament in trust for the due pformance of this my said laste will and the payment of the legacies herein included and given and especially and before all of such debtes as in right and conscience I shall owe to anie pson or psons att the time of my decease as my trust is in them, And in recompence of theire paines therein to be taken, I give and bequeath unto either of them the sume of fve poundes lawfull englishe mony apeece, And I doe nominate and appoint my said lovinge ffather in lawe M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Kinge and my lovinge Cossen Thomas Harvard and my lovinge freind M<sup>r</sup>. John Spencer Merchante to be overseers of this my will desiring them to se the same pformed accordinge to my true meaning and to be aidinge and assistinge to my said Executors with theire best advice And for theire paines therein to be taken I give and bequeath unto every one of them three poundes apeece of like mony, And I doe hereby revoke and disallowe of all former willes and bequestes by me in any wise heretofore made And this to stand and continewe for and as my last will and testament, In witnes whereof to this my said last will and testament conteyninge with this sheete, Nyne sheetes of paper, I the said Thomas Harvard have sett my hand and seale the daie and yeare first aboue written Thomas Harvard Sealed and published by the said Thomas Harvard for and as his last will and testament the daie and yeare abovesaid in the p'sence of me Richard Greene Scr: Richard Barlowe.

PROBATUM fuit Testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram mag<sup>ro</sup> Willmō Sames legum dcōre Surrogato venerabilis viri domini Henrici Marten militis legum etiam dcōris Curie Prerogative Cant mag<sup>ri</sup> Custodis sive Comissarii l<sup>ti</sup>me constitut, Quinto die mensis Maij Anno domini mil<sup>li</sup>mō sexcentesimo tricesimo septimo Jurament Nicholai Morton Cleric executorū in humōi testament nominat; cui comissa fuit administracio

omni et singulorū bonorū iuriū et creditorū dicti def de bene et fide ad<sup>o</sup>  
ead<sup>m</sup> ad sc<sup>a</sup> dei evang: iurat, Reservata p<sup>r</sup>te similem commissiōem facieñd  
Johanni Harvard alteri execut etiam in dicto testament nominat cum vene-  
rit eam petitur. 69, Goare.

[At last, thanks to the mother that bore him, and who by her careful mention of him in her will as "my eldest son, John Harvard, clarke," has again, as it were, brought him to light, we are enabled to lift the veil that for nearly two hundred and fifty years has hidden our modest and obscure, but generous benefactor, the godfather of America's oldest University, the patron Saint of New England's scholars; to learn his parentage and birthplace, and to form some idea of his youthful surroundings. The will of his brother Thomas, to be sure (discovered by me on Washington's birth-day, 1881), furnished the first important evidence in regard to him. It will be noticed in that will, made 15 July, 1636, that he appoints his brother, John Harvard, and the Rev. Nicholas Morton, parson of St. Saviour's, joint executors; that this will was presented for probate 5 May, 1637, by Mr. Morton alone, and power granted only to him, a similar power being reserved for John Harvard, the other executor, *when he should come to seek it*. This seemed to show plainly enough the absence of John Harvard, the brother of Thomas, on that fifth of May, 1637. Well, that was the year of the first appearance of our John Harvard on the soil of New England, as shown by the records of Charlestown; so that probably on that very day in May he was on his way across the Atlantic. The inference then was a reasonable one that the John Harvard named in the will of Thomas Harvard of Southwark and the wise benefactor after whom our ancient University was named were one and the same person. But it needed just the mention of him in his mother's will as "clarke," taken in connection with this fact of his absence at the proving of his brother's will, to put the matter beyond question. Here too it seems as if envious chance had sought to hide him, for in the Calendar of 1637 the name of the testator, which in the record is plainly enough "Harvard," was entered "Haward," a name which might be passed over by any one hunting for the name of Harvard. It was only by *gleaning* that I came upon it.

Again—the Register Books of St. Saviour's, Southwark, the parish in which our benefactor first saw the light, seem to have lent themselves to increase the mystery that has enveloped the English surroundings of John Harvard, as will appear from the following list of baptisms:\*

- 1601 May 31 Marye Harverde d. of Robert, a Butcher.
- 1602 July 15 Robert Harverde s. of Robert, a Butcher.
- 1606 September 30 Robert Harvye s. of Robert, a Butcher.
- 1607 NOVEMBER 29 JOHN HARVYE s. of ROBT. a BUTCHER.
- 1609 December 3 Thomas Harvye s. of Robt. a Butcher.
- 1610 November 1 William Harverd s. of Robert, a Butcher.
- 1612 September 27 Katherin Harverd d. of Robert, a Butcher.
- 1613 December 12 Ann Harverd d. of Robt. a Butcher.
- 1615 April 2 Peter Harvye d. of Robt. a Butcher.

Why, if his name was Harvard, should we accept the baptism of John Harvye as the baptism of our John Harvard? Here again the mother comes to our assistance. It can readily be seen that Katherine Yearwood must have been the widow of Robert Harvard and mother of the John, Thomas and Peter named in his will. It may not appear so evident that John Elletson, whose will I have given in its order of time, had married the widow Harvard before she became the wife of Richard Yearwood. The will of John Elletson makes no mention of any of the Harvard family; yet no one can read attentively that will and the will of Mrs. Katherine Yearwood in connection with each other, without being forced to the conclusion that Katherine Yearwood must have been the widow of John Elletson and the executrix of his will, and, as such, the successor of his trust in regard to the children of Hugh Horsall, or Harsall, deceased. So convinced was I of this that almost the first object of my quest in the register of St. Saviour's, was the record of the marriage of John Elletson with the widow Harvard. And I soon found it entered thus:

1625 Januarie 19 John Ellison & Katherine Harvie.

\* The first two children in the list, vizt. Mary (bapt. 1601) and Robert (bapt. 1602) were probably the children of Mr. Harvard by his first wife, Barbara Descyn, whom he married 26 June, 1600.

Here we find mother and son both appearing under another and the same name, viz., Harvie or Harvy. I found too in the will of Thomas Cox, citizen and vintner of London, made 12 September and proved 21 September, 1613 (79 Capell) bequests made to sundry members of this family (John Harvard's uncles?) as follows: "I give M<sup>rs</sup> Herverd als Harvey wife of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Harverd als Harvey of S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Butcher six payre of best sheets," &c.—"I doe give and bequeath unto Richard Harverd als Harvey of S<sup>t</sup> Saviour's parish aforesaid butcher, my now tenant, the sum of ten pounds," &c. A Robert Harvy als Harverde the elder of Rookeby (Rugby) was mentioned by Thomas Atkins of Dunchurch, Warwickshire, in his will, 41st Elizabeth. (48, Kidd.)

The burial of the father of John Harvard is thus entered :

1625 August 24 M<sup>r</sup> Robert Harvey, a man, in the church.

The youngest son, Peter, mentioned in his father's will (of 28 July, 1625) but not in the widow's, was buried four days before the father, also in the church, where also Richard Yearwood (a vestryman) was buried 18 October, 1632, and Katherine Yearwood 9 July, 1635. John Harvard's elder brother Robert was buried the very day before his father made his will. Evidently the family were suffering from the visitation of the plague in the summer of 1625. I saw other burials entered, but did not have time to note them. All, however, I think, were buried in the church. As I passed through this venerable edifice, once the place of worship of our modest benefactor, I noticed that the great window in the South Transept was of plain glass, as if Providence had designed that some day the sons of Harvard should place there a worthy memorial of one who is so well entitled to their veneration.—HENRY F. WATERS.]

WILLIAM WARD of the parish of S<sup>t</sup> Savior in Southwarke in the County of Surrey citizen and goldsmith of London 2 April 1624.

My body to be buried within the parish church of S<sup>t</sup> Saviors in Southwark aforesaid. My estate shall be divided into three equal parts or portions according to the laudable custom of the city of London. One of which said third parts of my estate I do give, devise and bequeath unto my now wellbeloved wife Roase Ward. One other third part of my said estate I do give and bequeath unto my loving son Edward Ward and unto my well beloved daughter Roase Warde equally between them to be divided part and part alike (both minors). The other third part I reserve towards the payment of debts, funeral expenses and legacies &c.

To loving aunt Margaret Wood widow forty shillings per annum, in quarterly payments. To the poor of the parish of S<sup>t</sup> Savior's four pounds sterling. To M<sup>r</sup> James Archar our minister twenty shillings sterling. To the churchwardens and vestry men of the parish of S<sup>t</sup> Saviors aforesaid of which society I am now a member the sum of six pounds sterling to make a dinner for them. To my good friend M<sup>r</sup> Richard Yarwood one silver bowl of the weight of twelve ounces. Item I do give and bequeath unto my brother M<sup>r</sup> Robert Harverd and to my friend George Garrett and my cousin William Shawarden to every of them a ring of gold to the value of twenty shillings or twenty shillings apiece in money. The remainder shall be divided into three equal parts or portions, two of which I do give and bequeath unto my said son Edward Ward to be likewise paid unto him at his age of one and twenty years, and the other third part of the said remainder I do give and bequeath unto my said daughter Roase Ward to be paid unto her on the day of her marriage or at her age of one and twenty years, which shall first happen. If both my said children shall happen to die before the legacies by this my last will bequeathed unto them and either of them shall grow due then I do will and bequeath all and every the legacies, herein by me before bequeathed unto my said children, unto my said loving wife Roase Ward and unto my cousin Elizabeth now wife of the forenamed William Shawarden equally between them to be divided &c. And I do

make and ordain my said son Edward Warde and my said good friend M<sup>r</sup> Richard Woodward executors of this my last will. And I do nominate and appoint the foresaid Robert Harvard, George Garrett and William Shawarden to be overseers of this my will.

This will containing four sheets of paper was read signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us Josua Whitfield and me William Page Scri. Memorandum that this word Woodward was mistaken in the fifteenth line of this sheet and that according to the true intent of the said William Ward the same was meant and should have been written Yearwood who is the man mentioned to be nominated in the eighth line of the — sheet to be Richard Yearwood and mistaken by me the writer, witness William Page Scri.

Administration was granted to Roase Ward, the widow, during the minority of Edward Warde the son, 5 October 1624. 80, Byrde.

[The foregoing abstract was found in the course of my gleanings nearly a year ago, and preserved on account of its mention of Robert Harvard and Richard Yearwood. It now turns out to be very important as evidence that Robert Harvard's wife Katherine, the mother of our John Harvard, was a Rogers; for in my reading of the registers of St. Saviour's I came upon the following marriage:

1621 Oct 17 William Warde and Rose Rogers.

This I made note of at the time, not remembering this long preserved abstract of William Ward's will, but solely because I recalled that Katherine Yarwood had mentioned a sister Rose Reason, and as I fully believed the testatrix would turn out to be a Rogers, the name Rose Rogers struck me as worth noting. Rose Ward and Rose Reason were probably one and the same person.

Another most important evidence of John Harvard's identity remains to be shown. Knowing that he must have been the owner of landed property, and believing that before leaving for America (in the spring of 1637) he would be selling some of this property, I surmised that some record of such sale would appear in some of the documents preserved in the Public Record Office, although I had been informed that the Record Office had been searched for trace of John Harvard, and that it was hardly worth the while for me to make a search there. However, I laid the matter before my young friend Francis Grigson, Esq. (a son of the late Rev. William Grigson, our former corresponding member), and sought his advice. He said that my surmise was quite reasonable, and that the best field of investigation would be the Feet of Fines. No one could be kinder than he in showing me how to look for the evidence I wanted. After almost a whole day's labor, in which I found many suggestive items bearing on American names, I, at last, found an entry which led me to send for the Feet of Fines of the Hilary Term, 12th Charles I., County Surrey. The following is a copy of the first (and important) part of this document:

Hęc est finalis concordia facta in curia Dni Regis apud Westm<sup>onasterium</sup> in Octavis Purificationis Beę Marie Anno regnorum caroli Dei gratia Angli Scotie franc et Hibęnie Regis fidei Defens etc a conqu<sup>estione</sup> duodecimo coram Johe<sup>anne</sup> ffinch Rico<sup>ne</sup> Hutton Georgio Vernon et francisco Crawley justie et aliis dni Regis fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Int<sup>er</sup> Johe<sup>annem</sup> Man et Johannam uxorem eius quere<sup>ntem</sup> et Johe<sup>annem</sup> Harvard et Annam uxorem eius defore<sup>ntem</sup> de uno mesuagio et tribus Cotagijs cum p<sup>ar</sup>tin<sup>entia</sup> in Parochia Sci<sup>entis</sup> Olavi in Southwarke.

The next day, after a long search, I was able to examine the Concord of Fines, relating to the same transaction, where I hoped to find the signatures of the parties to this agreement, as was the custom. This case, to my great regret, proved an exception to the rule, and I was unable therefore to get a tracing of John Harvard's autograph. However, I was enabled to fix the precise date of the transfer, vizt. 16 February, 12th Charles I. The consideration given by John and Johan Man was one hundred and twenty pounds sterling.

Here we find John Harvard appearing in February, 1636-7, as a grantor of real estate in St. Olave (where his brother Thomas was living) and with wife Ann; surely most important evidence that he was the John Harvard who six months afterwards was in New England with a wife Ann; and the above date of transfer and the date of probate of his brother Thomas Harvard's will undoubtedly furnish the limits of the period of time within which John Harvard left old England to take up his



abode in our New England. He must have set sail some time between 16 February and 5 May, 1637. The four tenements thus conveyed were, without doubt, the same as those described in the following extract :

John Man of the parish of St. Olave in Southwarke in the County of Surrey, sea captain, 6 August 1660, proved 25 November 1661.

"I giue and bequeath all those my foure houses or Tenements with thappurtenances thereunto belonging scituat in Bermondsey streete in the parish of S<sup>t</sup> Olave in Southwarke and County aforesaid which I purchased of one — Harbert, being in the occupation and possession of one — Greenball or his assignes at yearely Rent of eight and twenty pounds unto Mary my Loveing wife dureing her naturall life and from and after her decease to the heires of our bodyes lawfully to bee begotten forever and for want of such issue to the heires of the said Mary my wife Lawfully to bee begotten of her body forever."—H. F. W.] 180, May.

IN DEI NOMINE AMEN. The Sixt Daye of the moneth of ffebruary Anno dñi 1637 I John Sadler of Ringmer in the County of Sussex Clerke Compos mentis et Corpore sanus thankes be to God therefore doe make & ordayne this my last will & Testament viz<sup>t</sup> ffirst I will & bequeath my poore sinfull Soule to God the father Beseechinge him of his mercy to save it for his sonne Jesus Christ his satisfacçons sake And my Body I will to be buryed where & by whome & in what manner God hath appointed. ffor my worldly goodes I will & bequeath them in maner followinge ffirst I will and bequeath to my daughter Anne the wife of John Haruard Clarke Twentie shillinges to be payd her after my decease when shee shall demand it. Item I will and bequeath to my sonne John Sadler Twenty Shillinges to be payd him within a moneth after my death if it be demanded Alsoe I will and bequeath to the poore of the parish of Worsfield in the County of Salop Twenty shillinges to be distributed amongst them after my death And I will to the poore of y<sup>e</sup> pish of Ringmer abouenamed the summe of Tenn shillinges to be distributed amongst them after my departure And for the rest of my worldly goodes whatsoever legally bequeatheable I will and bequeath them to Mary my deare and loveinge wife not doubtinge of her good and godly disposeinge of them whome I make the sole and onely Executrix of this my will In wittnes whereof I say In wittnes whereof I haue hereunto sett my hand & seale JOHN SADLER.

Witnesses hereunto John Shepherd John Legener.

PROBATUM fuit Testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram venabili viro dño Henrico Marten milite legū dñore Curie Prerogative Cant Magro Custode sive Comissario ltime Constituto vicesimo primo die mensis Octobris Anno dñi Millmo sexcentmo quadragesimo Juramento Marie Sadler Relictæ dicti defuncti et Executricis in hmoi Testamento noiat Cui Comissa fuit Administraço omniū et singloꝝ bonorum iurium et Creditorum eiusdem defuncti de bene et fideliter Administrando eadem Ad sancta dei Evangelia coram Magro Esdra Coxall Cliço vigore Comissionis in ea parte als emanat Jurat.

Coventry, 128.

[John Sadler, M A., whose will is given above, was instituted Vicar of Patcham in the county of Sussex, 3 November, 1608, as I have been informed by E. H. W. Dunkin, Esq., who has for years been making careful researches among the records relating to this county. In Patcham Mr. Sadler's children were baptized as follows :

Ann d. of Jn. Sadler, Mary, August 24, 1614.

John s. of Do. .... April 6, 1617.

Afterwards he was settled at Ringmer, where I find he was inducted 12 October,

1626, and was buried there 3 October, 1640.\* His son John was a graduate of Emanuel College, Cambridge, M.A. 1638, Fellow of the College, Master in Chancery, Town Clarke of London and Master of Magdalen College, Cambridge, we learn from Cole's Collection (Add. MS. 5851, British Museum). From Le Neve's Fast. Eccl. Angl. we get this confirmed and with further information, under the title St. Mary Magdalene Coll. Masters. John Sadler, M.A., was admitted 1650, and deprived at the restoration.

In the same MS. Cole gives the admission of John Harvard, P. 1631, and the same year Tho. Allen P. June 22, Suff. Mr. Harvard's graduation is shown to be 1635. His pastor, Nicholas Morton, M.A. 1619, born in Leicestershire, was Dixy Fellow and afterwards chaplain of St. Mary Overies, London (i. e. St. Savior's, Southwark).

In the Sussex Archaeological Society's Collection (vol. 11, p. 225) is given "A Rolle of the severall Armors and furniture with theire names of the clergie within the Arch Deaconry of Lewes and Deanery of South Malling with the Deanry of Battell in the County of Sussex. Rated and appoynted the 11th day of March A<sup>o</sup> D<sup>ni</sup> 1612 by the Right Reverend father in God Samuell (Harsnet) Lo. Bishoppe of Chichester." I extract the following item: "Petcham, M<sup>r</sup> Jo. Sadler, vicar — a musquet furnished."

As the widow Ann Harvard became the wife of the Rev. Thomas Allen, the following abstract may be worth noting here:

Mense Octobris 1673, Vicesimo Septimo die. Em<sup>t</sup>. Com<sup>o</sup>. Thomæ Allen filio nrāli et lti<sup>m</sup>o Thomæ Allen nup Civ<sup>is</sup> Norwicen vid def hentis etc. Ad Admistrand bona jura et cred d'ci def de bene etc jurat. Admon. Act Book 1673, fol. 128.

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I cannot refrain from expressing the gratitude I feel towards my brother antiquaries in England for the kindly sympathy and generous assistance I have received from them; and I desire to name especially Messrs. E. H. W. Dunkin, Francis Grigson, David Jones, Robert Garraway Rice and J. C. C. Smith, who have shown kindness without stint in this matter, as in all other matters connected with my genealogical work in England.—HENRY F. WATERS.]

\* The Burrell Collection (Add. MSS. 5697, &c. British Museum), from which I took the above item, gives the date 1642, a manifest error as shown by date of probate of will; besides, Burrell convicts himself in the next line, showing the date of induction of Mr. Sadler's successor, 1640. My friend Mr. Dunkin gives me the entry from the Ringmer Register as follows: "1640 Oct. 3 buried M<sup>r</sup> John Sadler minister of Ringmer." H. F. W.













